countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh have considered TTEs. as running staff; and

(c) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to treat TTEs. as running staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) As per the extant rules, those staff whose performance of duty is directly connected with the charge of moving the trains are classified as running staff on the Indian Railways. At the time of independence, the term running staff was already in use.

(b) On the Indian Railways, Travelling Ticket Examiners are not classified as running staff.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Participation of SCR in Twins project of Andhra Pradesh

3629. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has implemented a pilot project, Twins, to provide integrated services to citizens over electronic networks;

(b) whether the State Government has approached the Union Government to participate in Twins project by providing reservation facilities at all the 150 counters in Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government have instructed the South-Central Railway authorities to participate in Twins Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when instructions are expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Andhra Pradesh Government has made announcement to this effect.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Access to PRS by outside system is not being provided as per extant policy. The issue, is under consideration, however, no time table for taking a decision has been set so far.